New Bedford Dec. 17th 1848

My dear Miss Weston

I feel reproached for not promptly replying to thy appeal for aid in publishing the "Liberty Bell" but such were the circumstances that had taken place in our family as to render it impossible to offer any effectual assistance, & therefore I unexcusably omitted writing to tell thee so, tho almost daily reminded that I ought to make this confession to one who had granted full liberty to decline, if any obstacle prevented a compliance with a request which would have been in accordance with my feelings to meet.

I observe by the Liberator it is accomplished, & very many beautiful articles to be exhibited, which by a successful sale I hope may compensate for the time & industry called into requisition in preparing them. I can readily conceive that the aid of two such efficient persons as Mrs Chapman and Caroline must be exceedingly missed, tho doubtless their influence is constantly exerted during their absence in advancing the great object you have in view.

The sympathy expressed with us in our very painful losses was most grateful to our feelings, for indeed the family circle is robbed of some of its brightest attractions in the death of two such excellent sisters, & their homes left comparatively solitary. When the wife & mother are removed a void is felt that cannot be filled, & consolation can alone come from Him who inflicts the blow. To those taken it may be a merciful release.

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my mother desires her kind remembrance to thyself & sisters, please also to make mine acceptable to them & believe me with sincere love and thy friend E Rodman

Anne W. Weston
Boston

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